

# ABILENE REFLECTOR

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## CURRENT COMMENT.

The estate of Tom King, the deceased English pugilist, is valued at \$54,472.

Quarantine of all kinds and from all points against Decatur, Ala., has been raised.

The cotton firms of Memphis estimate the yield this year at about 6,954,888 bales.

Rains have fallen throughout India and the crop prospects have consequently improved.

W. P. COTT, collector of Saugus town, Mass., has disappeared with a shortage of \$23,000.

The Canadian Government has let the contract for the construction of a canal at Sault Ste. Marie for \$1,200,000.

The notables of Hamburg, Germany, gave Hon. Carl Schurz a grand farewell when he sailed for the United States.

The health of Mr. Pendleton, the United States Minister to Germany, has improved and he will go to Nice on a furlough.

The Adams Express Company has paid for the \$1,500 in silver stolen on a recent shipment of coin from New Orleans to Washington.

An epidemic of scarlet fever was reported raging in Jamestown, Dak., and the churches and schools were closed in consequence.

Two women have recently been regularly licensed as captains of vessels; one in New York harbor, the other on the Mississippi.

It is believed in London that the British Government will cancel the appointment of Sir Henry A. Blake to be Governor of Queensland.

The charge against Premier Greenway and Minister Martin, of Manitoba, have fizzled out, the editors making the charges failing to appear.

A REPORT was in circulation in Vienna on the 13th that an attempt had been made to assassinate Prince Ferdinand, the ruler of Bulgaria.

A MAGNIFICENT album containing the resolutions passed by the Nineteenth annual corps on the death of General Sheridan has been presented to Mrs. Sheridan.

The Adjutant-General of the Grand Army of the Republic, department of Dakota officially denies that the veterans in that Territory are in need as has been reported.

A BAND of thirty armed Turks made a raid recently on the Serbian town of Reska. The peasants offered a determined resistance to the invaders and during the struggle many were killed.

The New York physicians who examined James M. Dougherty, the persecutor of Mary Anderson, pronounced him insane and he was taken to an asylum. He wrote a long statement, setting forth his love for the actress.

The health officer of the District of Columbia has declared the Medical College of Georgetown University a public nuisance and ordered its abatement. This action was occasioned by the odors emanating from the dissecting room.

The Southern Utes and the Commission, who were recently in council near Ignacio, Col., have agreed upon the terms of a treaty for the removal of the Indians to Utah. The Utes appeared to be well pleased with the terms agreed upon.

The Inter-State Trust Company, of Philadelphia, an organization with a paid-up capital of \$1,000,000, closed up recently after having lost many thousands of dollars in unfortunate investing in Missouri, Illinois and other Western real estate.

PROF. MACON and party, who had been exploring the far-off Mackenzie river district since last May, arrived at West Selkirk November 16. They came by way of Fort Churchill, on Hudson Bay and Cumberland House, and had a very rough and tedious trip.

In his annual report to the Secretary of the Navy, Commander W. J. Sampson, superintendent of the United States Naval Academy, says that at the close of the academic year in June, 1888, there were 191 cadets at the academy, as against 232 at the opening in 1887—a percentage loss of 17. The total number of cadets now in the academy is 237.

RELATIVE to the functions of the clerk in the organization of the new House of Representatives, and the power he is supposed to be able to exercise in seating or unseating members, General Clark says that his duties are fixed by statute, and are purely ministerial. If a member-elect presents a proper certificate of election, his name will be placed on the roll, and not otherwise. There can be no duplicate certificates, because there are at present no dual State Governments as there have been in times past in the South.

CHAUNCEY GOODRICH, aged sixty-five, formerly a State Senator from Connecticut and at one time a wealthy clock manufacturer in that State, was arraigned recently in Brooklyn, N. Y., as a vagrant. He lost his fortune in stock speculations and became a day laborer. He finally lost even this position, but did not succeed in killing himself. He was arrested on the charge of attempting suicide, but as no one saw the deed the charge could not be proven, and vagrancy was substituted. To this Goodrich pleaded not guilty and was remanded for a hearing.

# NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned by Telegraph and Mail.

## PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

GOVERNOR GORDON was inaugurated at Atlanta, Ga., on the 13th for his second term. His inaugural address dealt with the late election and the effect it would have on the South and on the individual States, taking the stand that he does not believe that Republican success means the degradation of any of the Southern States by the enactment of force bills.

The result of the election held by the Oklahoma in No-Man's-Land was largely in favor of territorial government and for the Springer Oklahoma bill. O. C. Chase was elected Delegate to Congress, together with the entire Territorial Council ticket favoring the Oklahoma bill.

GOVERNOR JOHN A. MARTIN, of Kansas, issued his Thanksgiving proclamation on the 13th.

SIR EDWARD BACALLAY, formerly Lord Justice of Appeal of Great Britain, is dead, aged seventy-two years.

JASPER DOUGLAS FRYE, member of Parliament for West Waterford, fell overboard the other night from one of the steamers running between Holyhead and Dublin and was drowned.

The French committee of revision of the Constitution of that country has adopted a resolution favoring the abolition of the Senate and Presidency.

Messrs. GORDON and WADSWORTH, of Wady Halfa report that the mysterious White Pasha in the Behr el Gazi district had fought a great battle and killed many dervishes.

ZIMBABWE correspondent says the Southern mail brings news that the ports are filled with insurgents and that the anti-German feeling is unabated. The burning of Minengani Tughi is confirmed. The Governor of Mozambique is expected to arrive in the capital by a hostile chief of the Zambesi.

The official count of New York gives Harrison a plurality of 13,000.

CONFLICTING claims to control of the House were still being made at Washington on the 13th by leading Republicans and Democrats.

MISS FRANCES E. WILLARD denies that the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union requires its members to favor the Prohibition party. The members are left free to follow their own political affiliations.

DUKE MAXIMILIAN, of Bavaria, was stricken with apoplexy a few days ago and is dead. He was eighty years of age.

HON. JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN, the well known English politician, was married to Miss Mary Edickson at Washington on the 13th. The President and Mrs. Cleveland were present at the ceremony.

The Vermont House has defeated the Woman Suffrage bill by 192 to 37.

Representatives of the federal and progressive Republicans of Spain have failed. JEFFERSON DAVIS has declined to visit Richmond, Va., because of feebleness and fear that travel would prove fatal.

The plurality of Francis for Governor of Missouri was 13,291; for Cleveland, 25,832.

RHODE ISLAND adopted the Constitutional amendment in the recent election abolishing property qualification for suffrage.

Great trouble in the Chickasaw Nation was settled by Guy and Byrd mutually foregoing their claims to the Governorship and agreeing upon Chief Wolf for the position. The affair wound up with a love feast.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ABOUT 100 brakemen on the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago railway struck recently at Lafayette, Ind., for an increase in pay to 2 cents a mile, the present rate being 1.50 a mile, and for three men to each train instead of two.

JOHN MCKINLAY, of Albany, N. Y., has failed for the second time in his unsuccessful campaign for the State Assembly.

WATSON'S grain elevator, New York, was burned on the 13th. The total loss was \$550,000; insured.

WHEELER'S elevator, Buffalo, N. Y., was burned on the 13th. The total loss was \$100,000; insured.

DR. ROBERT NABERS and W. W. Shortridge, a lawyer, fought a duel with bowie knives recently in a dark room at Montevideo, Ala. The doctor was found dead in the street and in a grand condition attacked a negro. The latter felled him with a blow from a gun, from the effects of which he shortly afterward expired.

The trial of the suit against the sugar cane company at New York on the 14th was continued until the 15th.

By the explosion of a lamp in Frank Knecht's house in Plymouth, Pa., during the absence of Mrs. Knecht two small children were burned to death.

WILLIAM SHOWNES, aged sixty-five, was hanged on the gallows at the 14th for the murder of his two grandchildren. He committed the crime because of a woman who objected to live with him while he had the children.

The sixteenth annual convention of the Association for the Advancement of Women began at Detroit, Mich., on the 14th.

By a collision between an excursion train and an engine taking water at a tank in Easton, Pa., recently, both engines were wrecked and two New Jersey militiamen seriously hurt.

The act incorporating the Nicaragua Canal Company has passed the Vermont Legislature. It is the same measure as was introduced into the Senate last session.

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Terrible Passage of the Cunard Steamship Erturia—A Seaman Crushed.

Under a Mountainous Wave—Five Others Injured—Exciting Earthquake.

Panic in a Woman's Hospital—Double Drowning—Boiler Explosion—Steamer Sunk.

New York, Nov. 13.—One man killed and five injured is the record of the trip of the Cunard steamship Erturia, which arrived at New York on the 12th.

The Erturia, which was a voyage of a little over seven days of terrible weather, during all of which the passengers remained in their cabins, badly frightened and suffering great discomfort. It was one of the roughest experiences that the Erturia's officers have ever known.

The passengers express some displeasure over the fact that the speed of the vessel was never slackened, and the time made was nearly up to the racing standard.

The officers on the other hand say that the complete unreasonableness, as the rate of speed has nothing to do with the comfort or safety of those on board during heavy gales and seas.

On Tuesday afternoon a greater wave than any yet encountered, was seen approaching. The seamen uttered cries of warning and attempted to seek place of safety, but when the mountain of water fell with a crash upon the vessel, the men were swept in a heap against one of the deck houses.

When the water receded it was found that George W. Gravid, an able seaman of Liverpool, was fatally crushed and bruised. He died soon afterward.

Seamen Murphy and Maetta and two others, names not learned, and a steerage passenger named Golt, were cut, bruised and injured. All were cared for by the ship's physician.

The officers of the vessel are reticent, and the attempts of the reporters to obtain the particulars of the trip were met with some exhibition of ill-temper.

Among the passengers were George Macdonald, of Glasgow, and English pedestrians who came to take part in the six days' walk at Madison Square Garden. Mason is the man who beat Charlie Rowell, and much is expected of him.

The White Star steamer Republic also reports very heavy weather. Her passengers speak highly of the management of the vessel. Among her passengers were Sir Roderick Cameron and family, Hon. Mrs. M. W. Murray and Mrs. D. S. Appleton.

A PANIC.

CHICAGO, Nov. 13.—A panic occurred in the Rhodes Avenue Women's Hospital at a late hour Saturday night upon the supposition that a steamship had burst and filled the building with steam.

The patients and many of the latter escaped from the building in their night dresses. All haste was being made to remove the patients when the fire department arrived upon the scene.

It was soon discovered that a steamship had burst and filled the building with steam. A large crowd had gathered and great excitement prevailed until the nature of the trouble was known.

During the excitement the fire department put a stream of water on the building but no damage resulted.

FIRES.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Nov. 13.—A fire at two o'clock this morning destroyed five hundred houses on Main street, and buildings on the corner of Main and Broadway.

Insurance only partial.